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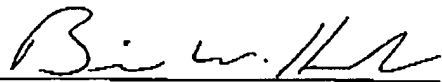
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2007 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on March 13, 2008. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for one-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to April 13, 2008. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.